

## Recommended Reads: Years 7/8

### Action, Adventure, Mystery & Thrillers

*The Terrible Thing [...]* *Barnaby Rickett* by John Boyne  
*Bodyguard* or *The Soul Hunters* (& sequels) -C Bradford  
*Mortal Chaos* or *Lie, Kill, Walk Away* by M Dickinson \*(!)  
*The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd (!)  
*Boy Overboard* by Morris Gleitzman  
*Hide and Seeker* by Daka Hermon  
*Murder in Midwinter* by Fleur Hitchcock  
*High Rise Mystery & Mic Drop* by Sharna Jackson  
*I Have No Secrets* by Penny Joelson (!)  
*The Long Weekend* by Savita Kalhan  
*Don't Doubt the Rainbow* by Anthony Kessel  
*Eight Pieces of Silva/Splinters of Sunshine*-Lawrence\* (!)  
*Where the World Ends* by Geraldine McCaughrean\* (!)  
*Hide & Secrets* or *Girl Missing* (& sequels) by S McKenzie  
*Edge of Extinction* by Laura Martin  
*The Recruit* or *Robin Hood* (& sequels) - R Muchamore\*  
*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen  
*Ruby in the Smoke* by Phillip Pullman  
*Wolf Wilder, Rooftopper* or *The Explorer* by K Rundell  
*Murder Most Unladylike* (& sequels) by Robin Stevens  
*Girl. Boy. Sea* by Chris Vick\*  
*The Extinction Trials* or *The Infinity Files* by SM Wilson\*

### Animal Fiction

*The One and Only Ivan* by K Applegate (gorillas)  
*The Shark Caller* by Zillah Bethell (sharks) (!)  
*Fenway and Hattie* by Victoria Cole (dogs)  
*The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold (polar bear)  
*A Street Dog Named Pup* by Gill Lewis (dogs) (!)  
*War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo (horses) (!)  
*A Wolf Called Wander* by Rosanne Parry (wolves)  
*Pax* by Sarah Pennypacker (foxes) (!)  
*Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls (dogs) (!)  
*Cat Tales: True Stories of Fantastic Felines*- P Rich (cats)  
*Varjak Paw* by SF Said (cats)  
*I, Cosmo* by Carlie Sorosiak (dogs)  
*Dreaming the Bear* by Mimi Thebo (grizzly bears)  
*The Dog Who Saved the World* by Ross Welford (dogs)

### Environment & Climate Change

*Where the River Runs Gold* by Sita Brahmachari  
*World Burn Down* by Steve Cole (SR)  
*Breathe* by Sarah Crossan  
*Melt* by Ele Fountain

*Squirm, Flush, Chomp* or *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen  
*FloodWorld* & *DustRoad* by Tom Huddleston  
*Song of the Dolphin Boy* by Elizabeth Laird  
*Moon Bear* or *White Dolphin* by Gill Lewis (!)  
*The Dog Runner, Across the Risen Sea* - B Macdibble (!)  
*Between Sea and Sky* & *World Turns Wild* by N Penfeld  
*Here in the Real World* by Sarah Pennypacker (!)  
*Dry* by Neal & Jarrod Shusterman (!)  
*The Summer We Turned Green* by William Sutcliffe  
*No One is Too Small to Make a Difference*– G Thunberg  
*Harklights* by Tim Tilley  
*The Last Wild* (& sequels) by Piers Torday

### Dystopian & Science Fiction

*The Infinite* (& sequels) by Patience Agbabi  
*The Middler* or *Troofriend* by Kirsty Applebaum  
*The Last Human* by Lee Bacon  
*Ink* by Alice Broadway\*  
*City of Rust* by Gemma Fowler  
*Gone* or *BRZK* (& sequels) -Michael Grant\*  
*How I Saved the World in a Week* by Polly Ho-Yen  
*Nowhere on Earth* by Nick Lake\*  
*The Giver* and *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry\* (!)  
*The Supreme Lie* by Geraldine McCaughrean (!)  
*Show Us Who You Are* by Elle McNicholl  
*No Man's Land* by Joanna Nadin  
*The Knife of Never Letting Go* (& sequels)-P Ness \*(!)  
*Railhead* & *Mortal Engines* (& sequels)-P Reeve (!)  
*Scythe, Unwind* (& sequels) – N Shusterman \*(!)  
*Destination Earth* by Ali Sparkes  
*Contagion* or *Slated* (& sequels) by Teri Terry\*  
*The Kid Who Came From Space* by Ross Welford  
*The 5th Wave* (& sequels) by Rick Yancey (!)

### Fantasy, Magic Realism, Horror & Ghost

*The House With Chicken Legs* & *Girl/Bear* -S. Anderson  
*Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo\*  
*Asha & The Spirit Bird* by Jasbinder Bilan  
*Artemis Fowl* (& sequels) by Eoin Colfer  
*Pet* by Akwaeke Emezi\*  
*Who Let the Gods Out* (& sequels) by Maz Evans  
*Ranger's Apprentice* or *Brotherband* - J Flanagan  
*Inkheart* (& sequels) or *Reckless* by Cornelia Funke (!)  
*The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman (!)  
*Blackberry Blue* by Jamila Gavin (!)  
*Rumaysa: A Fairytale* by Radiya Hafiza  
*Brightstorm: A Sky-Ship Adventure* by Vashti Hardy

*Girl of Ink and Stars* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave (!)  
*Skulduggery Pleasant* (& sequels) by Derek Landy  
*Eragon* (& sequels) by Christopher Paolini  
*Tales of Terror, Mister Creecher* –Chris Priestley  
*Northern Lights* (& sequels) by Phillip Pullman \*(!)  
*Goth Girl* (& sequels) by Chris Riddell (SR)  
*Mrs Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children* -Riggs  
*Alcatraz & Evil Librarians* (& sequels) by B Sanderson  
*Zom-B* or *Cirque du Freak* (& sequels) by D. Shan  
*Oh My Gods* by Alexandra Sheppard  
*Black Panther the Young Prince* by Roland L Smith  
*Fear Street* by RL Stine  
*The Edge Chronicles* by P Stewart and C Riddell  
*Children of the Quicksands* by Efua Traore

**Graphic Novels (GN), Short Stories (SS), Verse Novels (VN), Super-Readables (SR)**

*Booked, Crossover, Rebound* y Kwame Alexander (VN)  
*Gamer* (& sequels) by Chris Bradford (SR)  
*El Deafo* by Cece Bell (GN)  
*Jon for Short* by Malorie Blackman (SR)  
*Worst Case Collin* by Rebecca Caprara (VN)  
*Mind Writer* by Steve Cole (SR)  
*New Kid* or *Class Act* by Jerry Craft (GN)  
*Grave Matter* by Juno Dawson (SR)  
*Stat Man* by Alan Durant (SR)  
*Edgar & Adolf* by Phil Earle & Michael Wagg (SR)  
*Flying Lessons & Other Stories* ed by Ellen Oh (SS)  
*Coraline: Graphic Novel* by Neil Gaiman & C Russell (GN)  
*The Greatest (Muhammed Ali)* by Alan Gibbons (SR)  
*Amazons, Abolitionists and Activitists: A Graphic History of Women’s Fight for Rights* -Mikki Kendall (GN)  
*Amulet: The Stonekeeper* by Kazu Kibuishi (GN)  
*Rat* by Patrice Lawrence (SR)  
*In the Key of the Code* by Aimee Lucido (VN)  
*I am Minotaur* by Anthony McGowan (SR)  
*Run Rebel* by Manjeet Mann (VN)\*  
*145<sup>th</sup> Street: Short Stories* by Walter Dean Myers  
*White Bird* by RJ Palacio (GN)  
*Unboxed* by Non Pratt  
*Miles Morales: Spider Man* by Jason Reynolds (GN)  
*Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds (SS)  
*Pumpkin Heads* by Rainbow Rowell (GN)  
*Dark Peak* by Marcus Sedgwick (SR)  
*Operation Frog Effect* by Sara Scheerger  
*Dracula* by Bram Stoker retold by Burgan & Ruiz (GN)  
*The Small Things* by Lisa Thompson (SR)  
*Lost (Choose Your Own Adventure)* -Tracey Turner (SR)  
*Stargazing* by Jen Wang (GN)

**Humorous books**

*Little Badman &[...] Killer Aunties* - Humza Arshad  
*Noah’s Gold, Millions, Cosmic or Broccoli Boy* –FC Boyce  
*The Last Kids on Earth* (& sequels) by Max Brallier  
*Adventures of a Wimpy Superhero*(&more)-T.Collins  
*The 13-Storey Treehouse* (& series) by A Griffiths  
*How to Survive Without Grownups* by Larry Hayes  
*Cookie & the Most Annoying Boy...* by Konnie Huq  
*Disaster Diaries: Zombies* (&sequels)-R McGeddon  
*The Accidental Series* by Tom McLaughlin  
*The World of Norm* series by Jonathon Meres (SR)  
*Accidental Trouble: Planet Omar* by Zanib Mian  
*Timmy Failure* series by Stephan Pastis  
*Super-Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates*–Pearson (!)  
*The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh* by Helen Rutter  
*Tom Gates* series by Liz Pichon (SR)  
*Something I Said* by Ben Bailey Smith  
*Big Nate* series by Lincoln Peirce (SR)  
*The Day the Screens Went Blank* by Danny Wallace

**The Immigrant Experience & Refugees**

*No Ballet Shoes in Syria* by Catherine Bruton  
*Efren Divided* by Ernesto Cisneros (!)  
*Illegal* by Eoin Colfer (GN)  
*Boy, Everywhere* by A.M. Dassu (!)  
*Boy 87* by Ele Fountain  
*The Bone Sparrow* by Zana Fraillion (!)  
*The Island* by Armin Greder (PB for older readers)  
*The Eleventh Trade* by Alyssa Hollingsworth  
*Amina’s Voice* by Hena Khan  
*When Stars Are Scattered* by Jamieson & Mohamed (GN)  
*Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai (VN) (!)  
*The Crossing* by Manjeet Mann\* (VN)  
*A Glasshouse of Stars* by Shirley Marr  
*A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park  
*The Red Pencil* by Andrea David Pinkney  
*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan  
*The Arrival* by Shaun Tan (PB for older readers)  
*Other Words For Home* by Jasmine Warga (VN)  
*Front Desk* by Kelly Yang  
*The Windrush Child* or *Refugee Boy*\*-B Zephaniah

**Relationships & Tough Situations**

*Cyborg Cat* (& sequels)- Ade Adepitan\* (!)  
*Boy Underwater* by Adam Baron (!)  
*Noughts and Crosses\** or *Pig-Heart Boy* - M Blackman (!)  
*Artichoke Hearts* or *Jasmine Skies* -S. Brahmachari  
*A Pocketful of Stars* by Aisha Bushby  
*One, Apple & Rain, Moonrise, Toffee* -S Crossan\*(!)

**Heartbeat** by Sharon Creech  
**Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow** by B Dean  
**Stella By Starlight** or **Blended** by Sharon Draper (!)  
**Running on Empty** by S.E. Durrant  
**Mind the Gap, Being Billy or Saving Daisy** - P Earle  
**The Many Worlds of Albie Bright** –Chris Edge  
**Mockingbird** by Kathryn Erskine (!)  
**Tulip Touch, Goggle Eyes or Flour Babies** by A. Fine  
**Lenny’s Book of Everything** by Karen Foxlee  
**Check Mates & The Perfect Parent Project** by S Foster (!)  
**One Crazy Summer** by Rita Williams-Garcia  
**When Life Gives You Mangoes** by Kereen Getten (!)  
**George** or **Rick** by Alex Gino  
**Tall Story** or **Shine** by Candy Gourlay  
**The Island at the End of Everything** by KM Hargrave(!)  
**After the Fire** by Will Hill\*(!)  
**Boy in the Tower** by Polly Ho-Yen  
**Red Sky in the Morning** or **Secret Friends** -E Laird (!)  
**Scarlet Ibis, Swan Song, or Eagle Warrior** (SR) - G Lewis  
**Rain Reign** by Ann M Martin  
**Brock, Pike, Rook & Lark** by Anthony McGowan \*(!)  
**A Kind of Spark** by Elle McNicholl (!)  
**A Monster Calls** by Patrick Ness (!)  
**No Fixed Address** or **Word Nerd** – Susin Nielsen\*(!)  
**Wonder** or **Pony** by R.J. Palacio (!)  
**Pax** or **Here in the Real World** - S Pennypacker (!)  
**A Good Kind of Trouble** by Lisa Moore Ramee  
**The Star Outside My Window** by Onjali Rauf (!)  
**Long Way Down** (VN or GN) by Jason Reynolds \*(!)  
**Ghost Boys** or **Black Brother[...]** Jewell P Rhodes (!)  
**Can You See Me** or **Do You Know Me**–Scott & Westcott  
**The Marvels** or **Wonderstruck** by Brian Selznick (1/2 GN)  
**The Boxer** by Nikesh Shukla\*(!)  
**Counting by 7’s** by Holly Goldberg Sloan  
**Stargirl** by Jerry Spinelli \*(!)  
**Clean Getaway** or **Fast Pitch** by Nic Stone  
**The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas\* (!)  
**Goldfish Boy** by Lisa Thompson  
**The 1000 Year Old Boy** or **Time/Hamster** - Ross Welford  
**A Boy Called Hope** or **Ocean/Armchair** - by L Williamson  
**Brown Girl Dreaming** or **Harbor Me** - J Woodson\*(!)

## Sports

**Booked, Crossover or Rebound** – K. Alexander\* (!)  
**Unstoppable** or **Man of the Match** - Dan Freedman  
**Kick** by Mitch Johnson  
**The Fix** by Sophie McKenzie  
**The Greatest: Muhammed Ali** by Walter D Myers\*

**Ultimate Football Heroes Collection** – M&T Oldfield  
**Football Academy** or **Foul Play** series–Tom Palmer  
**Becoming Muhammed Ali** by J Patterson & K Alexander  
**Soccer Squad, Dream On (& series)** by Bali Rai  
**Gloves Off** by Louisa Reid\* (VN)  
**Ghost, Patina, Sunny, Lu** (Track series) by J Reynolds  
**Macbeth United: A Football Tragedy** by Michael Rosen  
**Outcasts United** (young people edition) -W. St John  
**The Football Boy Wonder** (& sequels) - Martin Smith  
**Pay Attention, Carter Jones** by Gary Schmidt\* (!)

## History, War & Conflict

**Soldier Dog** or **A Horse Called Hero** - Sam Angus  
**Unbound** by Anne Burg\*(VN)  
**The Short Knife** by Elen Caldecott\* (!)  
**Wolf Children, Red Shadow, Eleven Eleven** -Dowswell  
**Copper Sun** by Sharon Draper\* (!)  
**The Last Paper Crane** by Kerry Drewery (!)  
**When the Sky Falls** by Phil Earle (WWII)  
**Under a War-Torn Sky** or **Suspect Red** y L.M. Elliott  
**Once** (& sequels) by Morris Gleitzman  
**Bone Talk** by Candy Gourlay (!)  
**Grenade, Ground Zero** or **Prisoner B-3087** - Alan Gratz\*  
**The Goose Road** by Rowena House  
**Race to the Frozen North, 1783, Blade and Bones** or  
**Sawbones** by Catherine Johnson (!)  
**When the World Was Ours** by Liz Kessler\*  
**Orphan Monster Spy** by Matt Killeen\* (!)  
**Crusade** by Elizabeth Laird  
**Buffalo Soldier, Apache** or **Lightning Strike**- T Landman\*  
**Dog Tags: Semper Fido** or **Strays** by C A London\*  
**Diver’s Daughter: A Tudor Story** by P Lawrence  
**The Skylarks’ War** or **The Swallows’ Flight**- H McKay  
**Red Stars** by Davide Morosinotto\*  
**Shadow** or **In the Mouth of the Wolf** -Morpurgo  
**Sunrise Over Fallujah** by Walter Dean Myers\*  
**After the War, Armistice Runner** or **Over/Line**-T Palmer  
**Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story** or **The Royal Rebel: The Life of Suffragette Princess Sophia Singh** by Bali Rai  
**Salt to the Sea** or **Fountains of Silence** by R Sepetys \*(!)  
**Eagle of the Ninth** by Rosemary Sutcliffe (!)  
**The Land** or **Roll of Thunder** by Mildred D Taylor\*  
**Cane Warriors** by Alex Wheatle\* (!)  
**The Book Thief** by Marcus Zusak\* (!)

\* = Content is slightly more mature

! = English Dpt favourite reads